## DAVENPORT PLEADS FOR ANIMALS TORTURED TO MAKE MAN'S PLEASURE

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should follow certain suggestions, for some of these cannot be disregarded with imit apparently never once thought of nature; at least, it did not care.

There were not many faults to be found in the horse before fashion got to maiming him. With his tail in its natural condition he could dislodge any horsefly, and by shaking his mane he could clear both sides of his neck. While nature evidently intended the tail and mane for ornaments, still they were indispensable for his protection from his worst enemies-flies.

A scrub horse can be docked and his mane pulled, and he sill deceive the ignorant, and that is the reason for the docked tail. Those who dock horses do so in the hope of duping you into the belief that the docked horse is of some superior blood. Take, for instance, two horses, full brothers, one docked, the other long-tailed. You can get more

know what to do with than for the one with the heartiful ball. They would think that he was better bred and that he would attract more attention on account of the supposed better breeding.

In a neighborhood where fashion and interited wealth are absent the horse with the long tail would bring by far the larger price. And in sections where people live who really think, the decked horse could not be sell at all.

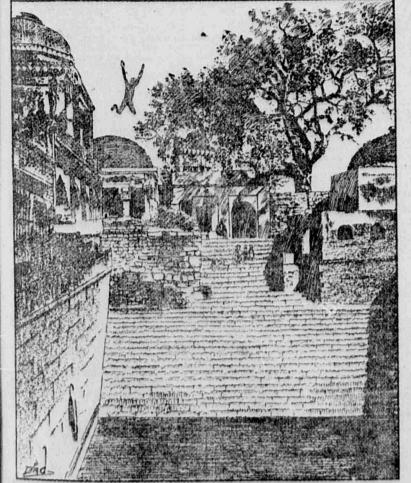
The dealer will never be kept awake nights ! worry over the suffering of docked borses. He knows that the "easy money" is to be found where fushion is. He knows that after buying a long-tailed horse from one of the fashionable set and outing his toil off he could sall the horse back to the same parson as a finer breed at a much higher price than he paid.

It is next to impossible to conceive of the torture that a docked horse goes through

on his tender flanks. I remember that the plight of a highly bred docked horse that had been turned out in a pasture for the summer while the owner was in Europe appealed to me as few things have.

There were other horses in the pasture that were having real comfort in the clover. But under a tree, stamping his feet, snapping his teeth, catching his breath at times and snorting as he kicked, stood the docked horse, frantically trying to rid himself of flies that were septing his life. Under this tree he fought like mad all day. Sometimes he 1an out into the open in his agony, but there was no letup to his despair. From daylight till after dark this continued, so that the only grass the poor beast got was eaten at night, while the other horses slept. Deprived of sleep, unable to eat enough at night to offset the bas by the worry of the daytime, this victim of a living hell became a wreck of alin, benes and shattered nerves. All this because the fashionable set would pay \$50 more for him with it's tail off than with it on.

### AN EXAMPLE OF EAST INDIAN FANATICISM.



The scene depicted herewith is not of infrequent occurrence in the vicinity of the sacred tanks attached to the Delhi temples. Although the British auhorities have tried in every way to put a stop to the practice, which formerly Prevalled extensively, they have not succeeded entirely. Every now and then devotee bribes the priests and makes the fearful leap which he believes to be direct route to paradise.

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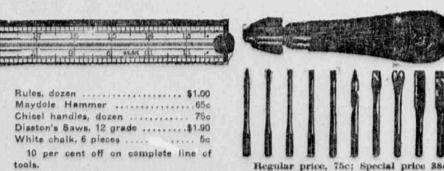
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